

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the present application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently amended) A dental hygiene holding apparatus in which dental appliances, oral hygiene devices or dental brushes may be sterilized in a sterilization bath and stored in said apparatus comprising:

a vase type container having a flat lower surface and an upper opening large enough to receive said dental appliances or oral hygiene devices therethrough;

a sterilization bath container for holding said sterilization bath therein removably suspended in said upper opening;

a generally horizontal extension between said upper opening of said vase type container and said sterilization bath container, said generally horizontal extension having holes therein for suspension of said dental appliances, oral hygiene devices or dental brushes after sterilization in said sterilization bath and wherein said generally horizontal extension extends from said sterilization bath container over said upper opening; and

a lid for simultaneously (a) sealing said sterilization bath in said sterilization bath container, (b) covering said dental appliances, oral hygiene devices or dental brushes as suspended in said holes, and (c) allowing fresh air to said dental appliances, oral hygiene devices or dental brushes, wherein an upper rim of said sterilization bath container holds said lid above said vase type container thereby allowing said fresh air to said dental appliances, oral hygiene devices or dental brushes.

2. (Original) The dental hygiene holding apparatus as recited in claim 1 further includes a dental appliance/oral hygiene storage unit inside said vase type container, said dental appliance/oral hygiene storage unit being removable through said upper opening.
3. (Cancelled) The dental hygiene holding apparatus as recited in claim 1 wherein said generally horizontal extension extends from said sterilization bath container over said upper opening.
4. (Cancelled) The dental hygiene holding apparatus as recited in claim 3 wherein an upper rim of said sterilization bath container holds said lid above said vase type container thereby allowing said fresh air to said dental appliances, oral hygiene devices or dental brushes.
5. (Currently amended) The dental hygiene holding apparatus as recited in claim [4] 1 wherein said vase type container has a supporting ledge below said upper opening, said generally horizontal extension resting on an upper side of said supporting ledge.
6. (Original) The dental hygiene holding apparatus as recited in claim 1 wherein said vase type container and said lid are formed from hand blown glass.
7. (Original) The dental hygiene holding apparatus as recited in claim 6 wherein said lid has a gripping portion formed therewith and being a part thereof.

8. (Original) The dental hygiene holding apparatus as recited in claim 7 wherein said lid has a downward flange therearound to cover said dental appliance, oral hygiene device or dental brush and still allow said fresh air thereto.

9. (New) A dental hygiene holding apparatus in which dental appliances, oral hygiene devices or dental brushes may be sterilized in a sterilization bath and stored in said apparatus comprising:

a vase type container having a flat lower surface, a globular body, and an upper opening large enough to receive said dental appliances or oral hygiene devices therethrough;

a sterilization bath container for holding said sterilization bath therein removably suspended in said upper opening, said sterilization bath container comprising a bowl with an upper rim therearound;

a generally horizontal extension between said upper opening of said vase type container and said sterilization bath container, said generally horizontal extension having holes therein for suspension of said dental appliances, oral hygiene devices or dental brushes after sterilization in said sterilization bath; and

a lid for simultaneously (a) sealing said sterilization bath in said sterilization bath container, (b) covering said dental appliances, oral hygiene devices or dental brushes as suspended in said holes, and (c) allowing fresh air to said dental appliances, oral hygiene devices or dental brushes.

10. (New) The dental hygiene holding apparatus as recited in claim 9 further includes a dental appliance/oral hygiene storage unit inside said vase type container, said dental appliance/oral hygiene storage unit being removable through said upper opening.
11. (New) The dental hygiene holding apparatus as recited in claim 9 wherein said generally horizontal extension extends from said sterilization bath container over said upper opening.
12. (New) The dental hygiene holding apparatus as recited in claim 11 wherein an upper rim of said sterilization bath container holds said lid above said vase type container thereby allowing said fresh air to said dental appliances, oral hygiene devices or dental brushes.
13. (New) The dental hygiene holding apparatus as recited in claim 12 wherein said vase type container has a supporting ledge below said upper opening, said generally horizontal extension resting on an upper side of said supporting ledge.
14. (New) The dental hygiene holding apparatus as recited in claim 9 wherein said vase type container and said lid are formed from hand blown glass.
15. (New) The dental hygiene holding apparatus as recited in claim 14 wherein said lid has a gripping portion formed therewith and being a part thereof.

16. (New) The dental hygiene holding apparatus as recited in claim 15 wherein said lid has a downward flange therearound to cover said dental appliance, oral hygiene device or dental brush and still allow said fresh air thereto.